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AND DRIVER SYSTEM WITH INCREASED
INSERTION TORQUE TOLERANCE AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR MAKING AND
USING SAME

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed March 22, 2003, the time period for response having been extended by one (1) month to and including July 22, 2004, by the accompanying Extension Petition, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments for entry in the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this Amendment.